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GOF PARTICIPATION IN MULTILATERAL NEGOTIATION OF A
COMPREHENSIVE TEST BAN TREATY, JUNE 7, 1978

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1. IN CONVERSATION ON JUNE 7 WITH FRENCH DELOFF D'AMECOURT,
USDELOFF ASKED IF FRENCH PARTICIPATION IN A NEW
MULTILATERAL DISARMAMENT NEGOTIATING BODY WOULD ALSO MEAN
THAT THE FRENCH WOULD BE PRERARED TO PARTICIPATE IN MULTI-
LATERAL NEGOTIATION OF A COMPREHENSIVE TEST BAN (CTB) IN
THAT BODY. D'AMECOURT, SPEAKING PERSONALLY, RESPONDED
THAT THE FRENCH POSITION REGARDING CTB REMAINED THE SAME,
BUT THAT HE DID NOT BELIEVE FRANCE WOULD OBSTRUCT
MULTILATERAL NEGOTIATION OF A CTB. HE THEN SAID, HOW-
EVER, THAT, OFFICIALLY, THE GOF WOULD RESPOND THAT THE
CTB QUESTION RELATED TO THE AGENDA OF THE NEGOTIATING
BODY AND THAT, AS THEY HAD STATED PREVIOUSLY (SEE PARA
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3F REFTTEL), THE GOF BELIEVED THE MULTILATERAL DISARMA-
MENT NEGOTIATING BODY SHOULD FIX ITS OWN AGENDA

2. FRENCH DELOFF ALSO NOTED THAT IT WAS POSSIBLE
FOR STATES TO PARTICIPATE IN A NEGOTIATING BODY, BUT NOT
PARTICIPATE IN CERTAIN SPECIFIC NEGO-
TIATIONS IN THAT BODY. FURTHERMORE, HE SAID CONSENSUS

IN A NEGOTIATING BODY ON A DRAFT TEXT OF AN AGREEMENT IN
NO WAY COMMITTED STATES TO EVENTUAL ADHERENCE TO A TREATY.
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